



NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE #1

SALINAS RIVER BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT CONTINUES ON WESTBOUND HIGHWAY 68 AND SPRECKELS BOULEVARD ON-RAMP

SALINAS – As part of the Salinas River Bridge widening project, a concrete pour will require lane and ramp closures on westbound Highway 68 at Spreckels Blvd. for **one day**, on **Wednesday, Feb. 8**, Caltrans officials have announced. Details are as follows:

- **Westbound** Hwy. 68 will have the #2 (right) lane closed and the westbound on-ramp from Spreckels Blvd. to Hwy. 68 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. One lane in each direction will remain open.
- Electronic message signs will be posted to alert motorists of this roadwork, who can expect up to 10-minute delays.
- Motorists going to Monterey will need to take the EB Hwy. 68 onramp to make a U-turn at Hutchinson Rod.

This roadwork is necessary for the major Salinas River Bridge widening project between River Road and Spreckels Blvd. The project is estimated to be completed in winter of 2018, weather permitting.

The contractor for this \$18 million construction project is Viking Construction Company of Rancho Cordova, CA.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work zones.

For more information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Monterey County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-372-0862 or can visit our website at: http://dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm

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